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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form
WC Dockets No. 10-90, 11-42 and 14-58
Rice Belt Telephone Company (SAC 401721)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 54.313(i) and 54.422(c) of the Commission's Rules, Rice Belt Telephone Company ("the Company") hereby submits a copy of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form," which was or will be timely filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and the appropriate state commission on or before July, 1, 2014.

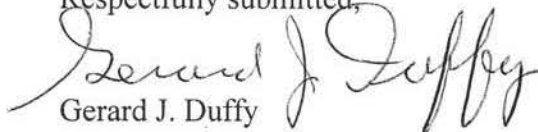
The Company seeks confidential treatment under the *Protective Order* adopted by the Commission in this proceeding for the financial information included in its report pursuant to

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§54.313(f)(2).¹ Confidential treatment of this information is appropriate on the grounds that it is commercially sensitive information that is not normally released to the public. In accordance with the *Protective Order*, the Company is submitting one copy of its FCC Form 481 (which includes a Stamped Confidential Document containing its proprietary and confidential financial information) via hand delivery to the Secretary's Office, and two copies of the same FCC Form 481 (including the Stamped Confidential Document) via hand delivery to Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554. The Company is also submitting two copies of its FCC Form 481 (which includes a Redacted Confidential Document with its proprietary and confidential information obscured) via hand delivery to the Secretary's Office under a separate cover letter marked "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" and via the Electronic Comment Filing System.

The Company has submitted a separate letter requesting confidential treatment pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules for certain proprietary and confidential portions of its five-year service improvement plan and the prices of its voice and broadband service offerings.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerard J. Duffy

cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

¹ *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al.*, PROTECTIVE ORDER, WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., DA 12-1857, released November 16, 2013.

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**RE: Rule Section 0.459 Request for Confidential Treatment
Rice Belt Telephone Company (SAC 401721)
FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Rice Belt Telephone Company ("the Company"), by its attorney, hereby requests, pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, that the redacted portions of the Company's five-year service improvement plan and voice and broadband price offerings be withheld from public inspection.

In accordance with Section 0.459(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Company states:

1. The specific information for which confidentiality is sought is comprised of the tables detailing annual projected network improvements and upgrades for voice and broadband services during the period from 2015 through 2019, and projecting the build-out costs of such projects during the same five-year period, plus the rates for its various voice and broadband service offerings.

2. This information is submitted in compliance with: (a) the requirement in Section 54.313(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules that recipients of high-cost support submit a progress report on their five-year service quality improvement plans; and (b) the requirement in Section 54.313(a)(7) of the Rules that recipients submit their price offerings in a format specified by the Wireline Bureau.

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3. This information regarding the nature and timing of the Company's construction and network improvement plans, the estimated costs thereof, and its various price offerings is proprietary and confidential commercial and financial information that is routinely withheld from public inspection.

4. The voice and broadband services for which the 5-year service improvement plans have been prepared are subject to actual or potential competition from competitive local exchange carriers, cable television system operators, electric power utilities, fixed and mobile wireless service providers, and/or satellite carriers. Even where competition is not active at present, the nature and scheduling of the Company's network upgrades, the size and timing of its related expenditures, and the prices of its various service offerings constitute very valuable competitive intelligence for any entity that may be contemplating or planning entry into one or more portions of the Company's service area.

5. Again, whether or not the Company has an active competitor in a particular exchange at the present time, there are numerous potential competitors and the nature and scheduling of the Company's network upgrades, the size and timing of its related expenditures, and the prices of its service offerings constitute very valuable competitive intelligence that can greatly assist the planning of any entity that may be competing or contemplating entry into one or more portions of the Company's service area.

6. The Company limits internal access to its 5-year service improvement plan to its key employees and consultants who need the information for planning, reporting and management purposes. The plan is not posted on any Company website, or included in any Company press release, report or other document that is available to the general public or to unrestricted portions thereof.

7. The Company does not make its 5-year build-out plans available to the public, and has not previously disclosed the present plan or similar previous plans to third parties. Whereas the Company does make its various prices available to its existing and potential customers, competitors should not be able to obtain them readily by going to the Commission's website.


8. The Company requests that the individual charts included in its 5-year plan not be available for public disclosure until at least the end of 2020, the next full calendar year after the completion of its following the calendar year to which the chart applied. Competitors and potential competitors should not be able to see the Company's network deployment and expenditure plans until a year after the end of the plan period (particularly because weather and other factors can cause construction delays). After that period, projects are generally completed, and competitors are able to observe directly or read published reports of what the Company actually did to improve its network and services.

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The Company notes that it is also redacting and claiming confidential treatment, pursuant to the Bureau's *Protective Order*, DA 12-1857, released November 16, 2012, for the financial information submitted in compliance with the requirements of Section 54.313(f)(2) of the Commission's Rules.

Respectfully submitted,
Rice Belt Telephone Company

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July 2013

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
		(check box when complete)	
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice) (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ← check box if no outages to report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet			
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers			
<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet			
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<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	stephanie.wall@smithville.net
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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Name of Attached Document

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached documents(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
- <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form

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(800) Operating Companies	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Rice Belt Holding Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form

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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
 <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
 <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
 <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
 <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
 <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
 <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
 <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
 <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes, No, NA)

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**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul
options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☒

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers
broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps
upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☒

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP ://ricebelt.net/lifeline-guidelines/

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

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Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)} ☐
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)} ☐

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification ☐
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification ☐
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification ☐
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification ☐

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband ☐

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification ☐
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification ☐
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification ☐
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
 Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

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(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

(Yes/No)

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Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

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(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

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If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

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(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

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If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers.

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(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

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(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

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(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: RICE BELT TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 401721	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <0>	812-935-2215
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date: 6/25/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Darby A. McCarty	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: President	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 812-876-2211	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
401721	7/1/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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<010> Study Area Code	401721
<015> Study Area Name	RICE BELT TEL CO
<020> Program Year	2015
<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Stephanie Wall
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	8129352215 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	stephanie.wall@smithville.net

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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Attachments

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Jan 2017

<010>	Study Area Code	491721
<015>	Study Area Name	RICE MEET TBL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<025>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	DISPATCHER MAJ1
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in this line <035>	5137923210 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <039>	stephanie.wallman@usac.mil
<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	1/1/2014

[illegible]

**(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 485
OMB Control No. 3090-0080 OMB Control No. 5900-019
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 43171

<015> Study Area Name BICE BOLT TEL CO

<020> Program Title 2015

<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Stephanie Hall

<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 8133522215 ext.

<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> stephanie.hall@bicebolt.com

State	Exchange (if C)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
AR	All	████	0.0	████	8.25	0.25	0.0	Other, Unlimited Usage
AR	All	████	0.0	████	0.5	0.25	0.0	Other, Unlimited Usage
AR	All	████	0.0	████	0.5	0.25	2.0	Other, Unlimited Usage
AR	All	████	0.0	████	1.0	0.5	0.0	Other, Unlimited Usage
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(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form

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OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	401721
<015>	Study Area Name	RICE BELT TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Stephanie Wall
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	8129352215 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	stephanie.wall@smithville.net

<810>	Reporting Carrier	Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Rice Belt Holding Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.

<813>	<a1>	<a2>	<a3>
	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	Rice Belt Communications Inc.		

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Company: Rice Belt Telephone Company
Study Area Code: 401721

Description of network and service area:

General location of service: Arkansas
 Number of Exchanges: 3
 Total Access Lines: [REDACTED] @ 12/31/2013
 Total Area Served (sq miles): [REDACTED]
 Services offered:
 Voice X
 Data less than 4/1 Mbps X [REDACTED] availability
 Data in excess of 4/1 Mbps [REDACTED] % [REDACTED] availability
 Video [REDACTED]
 Long Distance X
 Extended Area Service X

Switch type, location and interface type (IP/GR303/TR57):

[REDACTED]

Access Equipment for broadband, TDM and IP transport (IXC & uplink):

[REDACTED]

Outside Plant description (type and approximate age):

[REDACTED]

Exchanges:	Access Lines	Sq Miles
Weiner	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Waldenburg	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Fishers	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Service Area Map: (see instructions)

ESRI Shapefile for FCC?
 4/1 Mbps broadband boundaries (existing)?
 4/1 Mbps broadband boundaries (proposed)?

Notes:

Improvements in service quality, coverage, or capacity that were funded by support.

[REDACTED]

1. Switching Equipment

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. General Support Facility

[REDACTED]

4. Operating Expense Projections

		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019
Plant Specific	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Pant Nonspecific	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Depreciation	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Customer Operations	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Corporate Operations	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
System-wide	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	



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Line 510 – Description of Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc. maintains compliance with service quality standards through the use of a variety of tools, including:

1. daily, weekly, and monthly detailed service quality reports;
2. ongoing employee service quality training;
3. regular follow-up inspections of service installation and repairs;
4. proactive maintenance programs;
5. installation of the latest technologies, such as fiber and IP-based equipment;
6. extensive network monitoring equipment; and,
7. 24/7/365 service repair availability

Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc. maintains compliance with consumer protection rules through the use of a variety of tools, including:

1. ongoing employee training on consumer protection rules;
2. working with industry experts to identify and incorporate consumer protection best practices into our processes;
3. automated systems using the latest security measures to protect sensitive data;
4. monitoring of customer service calls with customers; and,
5. regular updates to senior management on consumer protection activities

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Annual Reporting for High-Cost Recipients
46 C.F.R. §54.313 (a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h)
Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.

§54.131(a)(5)-COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES

Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Annual Certification

<u>Darby A. McCarty</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Rice Belt Telephone Company, Inc.</u>
Printed Name of Officer	Title of Officer	Company Name

I am authorized to provide this certification on behalf of the Company. I hereby certify that the Company is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

Executed on 6-25-14
Date

Signature 

Printed/Typed Name Darby A. McCarty



Rice Belt Telephone Company's Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Rice Belt Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2). The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery reserve that enable it to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites and has a maintenance program in place.

Critical core production data (billing, customer, and plant) is stored within a hosted application so it is available from any location. All other network data is backed up to tape on a nightly, weekly and monthly basis. Backup tapes are rotated offsite to a fireproof file cabinet. In addition, there is a one-way replication from the production network to the Company's disaster recovery network daily.

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Annual Reporting for High-Cost Recipients
47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h)
Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.

§54.313(a)(6)-ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Ability to Function in Emergency Situations Annual Certification

<u>Darby A. McCarty</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Rice Belt Telephone Company Inc.</u>
Printed Name of Officer	Title of Officer	Company Name

I am authorized to provide this certification on behalf of the Company. I hereby certify that the Company is capable of functioning in emergency situations. The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

Executed on

6/25/2014

Date

Signature

Darby A. McCarty

Printed/Typed Name

Darby A. McCarty

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Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.

Independent Accountants' Review Report and
Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2013 and 2012



Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
December 31, 2013 and 2012

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Independent Accountants' Review Report

Board of Directors
Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
Ellettsville, Indiana

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Rice Belt Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithville Holding Company, Inc., as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholder's equity and cash flows for the years then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, and we did not become aware of any material modifications that should be made to such information.

Bloomington, Indiana
April 23, 2014

Current Assets

Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity

\$ [REDACTED] \$ [REDACTED]

Stockholder's Equity

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Operating Revenues		
Network access service	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Local network service	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Internet service	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Operating Expenses	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Operating Income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Other Non-Regulated Income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net Income	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Stockholder's Equity
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Total Stockholder's Equity
Balance, January 1, 2012	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Net income	-	-	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Balance, December 31, 2012	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Net income	-	-	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Balance, December 31, 2013	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>	<u>\$ [REDACTED]</u>

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Items not requiring cash		
Depreciation	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Provision for doubtful accounts	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Limited partnership interest	-	[REDACTED]
Changes in		
Accounts receivable	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Inventory	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Prepaid and other assets	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Accounts payable	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net cash provided by operating activities	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Investing Activities		
Additions to property and equipment	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Repayment of related party balances	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Net cash used in investing activities	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cash, Beginning of Year	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cash, End of Year	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2013 and 2012

Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. (the Company), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithville Holding Company, Inc., is a privately owned holding company that is headquartered in Ellettsville, Indiana. The Company's service area is primarily in southeastern Arkansas. The Company also manages its investments in the following wholly-owned subsidiaries:

Rice Belt Telephone, Inc. (Telephone) is a regulated telephone exchange carrier which earns revenues predominately from local phone, access, intraLATA toll, directory, DSL and other telephone related services.

Rice Belt Communications, Inc. (Communications) is a non-regulated company that provides broadband services utilizing Ethernet technology.

Rice Belt Properties, Inc. (Properties) is a non-regulated company that holds and manages real estate.

Rice Belt Cellular, Inc. (Cellular) is an inactive non-regulated company.

Significant Accounting Policies

Telephone follows the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), which conform in all material respects to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The non-regulated companies' significant accounting policies conform, in all material respects, to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Telephone, Communications, Properties and Cellular. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
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Cash

At December 31, 2013, the Company's cash accounts exceeded federally insured limits by approximately [REDACTED]

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to customers. The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. If a customer account exceeds 30 days outstanding, a notice of past due status is delivered to the customer. If amount is not paid within eight days of the notice, service is terminated and the customer can only be reactivated if they pay the outstanding balance plus a service fee. Accounts receivable are ordinarily due upon receipt of an invoice. Accounts that are unpaid after the due date incur a late fee. Delinquent receivables are written off based on individual credit evaluation and specific circumstances of the customer.

Inventory Pricing

Inventories consist of telecommunications related equipment. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market using the weighted-average cost method.

Property and Equipment

Telecommunication plant in service is stated at original cost and includes materials, labor, transportation and certain indirect items such as engineering, supervision and employee benefits. Additions, replacements and renewals determined to be units of property are generally charged to telecommunication plant accounts.

For the Company's regulated and non-regulated operations, composite group depreciation methodology is followed; accordingly, depreciation is provided using a composite straight-line method based on the estimated lives of the various classes of depreciable property. Composite depreciation rates, as applied to the average cost of depreciable property, were approximately [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in 2013 and 2012, respectively. Retirements of regulated telecommunication plant are generally charged in total to the accumulated depreciation account, together with the cost of removal less salvage. A gain or loss is recognized at the time of retirement or disposal of non-regulated property and equipment.

The Company charges maintenance and repairs, including the cost of renewals of minor items of property, to the plant-specific operations expense accounts.

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Long-lived Asset Impairment

The Company evaluates the recoverability of the carrying value of long-lived assets whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If a long-lived asset is tested for recoverability and the undiscounted estimated future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, the asset cost is adjusted to fair value and an impairment loss is recognized as the amount by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds its fair value.

No asset impairment was recognized during the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Income Taxes

The stockholder of the various corporations have elected to have the Companies income taxed as an "S" Corporation under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar section of the state income tax laws. Therefore, taxable income or loss is reported to the individual stockholder for inclusion in its respective tax returns and no provision for federal and state income taxes is included in these statements.

With a few exceptions, the Companies are no longer subject to U.S. Federal, state and local or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2010.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned. Revenue sources for the Companies are comprised of network access service, local and long-distance phone services and internet service.

Telephone's network access and long distance service revenues are derived from charges for access to the Company's local exchange network. The interstate portion of access revenues is based on a cost separation procedure settlement formula administered by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) which is regulated by the FCC. The intrastate portion of access revenues is billed on an individual company tariff access charge structure based on expense and plant investment of the Company as approved by the state regulatory authority. The tariffs developed from these formulas are used to charge the connecting carrier and recognize revenues in the period the traffic is transported based on the minutes of traffic carried. Long distance revenues are recognized at the time a call is placed based on the minutes of traffic processed at contracted rates.

Reported network access revenues are estimates subject to settlement adjustments in the near term resulting from changes in expense and plant investment levels and rate of return experience.

Taxes Collected From Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities

Taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are presented in the accompanying consolidated statement of income on a net basis.

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December 31, 2013 and 2012

Note 2: Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

	2013	2012
Telecommunication receivables	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
NECA, USF and other receivables	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Provision for doubtful accounts	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

Note 3: Property and Equipment

	2013	2012
Telecommunication plant in service	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Telecommunication plant under construction	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Non-regulated property and equipment	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Less accumulated depreciation	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

Note 4: Multiemployer Pension Plan

The Company contributes to a multiemployer defined benefit pension plan under the terms of an agreement that covers its employees, all of which are non-union. The risks of participating in a multiemployer plan are different from single-employer plans in the following aspects:

1. Assets contributed to the multiemployer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.
2. If a participating employer stops contributing to the plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may be borne by the remaining participating employers.
3. If the Company chooses to stop participating in a multiemployer plan, the Company may be required to pay the plan an amount based on the underfunded status of the plan, referred to as a withdrawal liability.

The Company's participation in this plan for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, is outlined in the table below. The "EIN/Pension Plan Number" column provides the Employee

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Identification Number (EIN) and the three-digit plan number. The plan does not have a certified zone status as currently defined by the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) because the Program is considered a multiple employer plan pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and ERISA. However, the plan is considered a multiemployer plan for financial reporting purposes. The "FIP/RP Status Pending/Implemented" column indicates if a financial improvement plan (FIP) or a rehabilitation plan (RP) is either pending or has been implemented.

Pension Fund	EIN/ Pension Plan Number	Pension Protection Act Zone Status	FIP/RP Status Pending/ Implemented	Contributions of the Company		Surcharge Imposed
				2013	2012	
National Telecommunications Cooperative Association	52-0741336-333	N/A	N/A	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	No

The Company was not listed in its plan's Form 5500 as providing more than 5 percent of the total contributions for the 2012 plan year. At the date the financial statements were issued, Form 5500 was not available for the plan year ending in 2013.

Note 5: Related Party Transactions

The Company has accounts payable due to a company or companies related through common ownership. The outstanding balance is unsecured and has been classified as a long-term liability. However, the outstanding balance may be repaid at management's discretion based upon available cash, capital needs and other operating considerations.

Note 6: Significant Estimates and Concentrations

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Those matters include the following:

General Litigation

The Company is subject to claims and lawsuits that arise primarily in the ordinary course of business. It is the opinion of management that the disposition or ultimate resolution of such claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations are recorded when the Company has a legal obligation to remediate the property and the amount can be reasonably estimated. No such liabilities were accrued at December 31, 2013 and 2012. Based on existing conditions, the Company believes that such costs,

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if any, would not have a material adverse effect on its financial position or the annual results of its operations.

Note 7: Subsequent Events

During February 2014, a new entity was formed, Rice Belt Security, LLC (Security). This entity is wholly-owned by Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. and will be operated by its management team. Security will provide alarm monitoring and other security services to residential and commercial customers in the Arkansas operating area.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the Independent Accountants' Review Report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Supplementary Information

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
Consolidating Schedule – Balance Sheet Information
December 31, 2013

	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.	Rice Belt Telephone, Inc.	Rice Belt Communications, Inc.	Rice Belt Properties, Inc.	Eliminating Entries	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Consolidated
Assets						
Current Assets						
Cash						
Accounts receivable						
Accounts receivable - related party						
Inventory						
Prepaid and other assets						
Total current assets						
Property and Equipment, net						
Investment in Subsidiaries						
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts payable						
Accrued expenses and other liabilities						
Total current liabilities						
Accounts Payable - Related Party						
Stockholder's Equity (Deficit)						
Common stock						
Additional paid-in capital						
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)						
Total stockholder's equity (deficit)						

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
Consolidating Schedule – Statement of Income and Equity Information
Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.	Rice Belt Telephone, Inc.	Rice Belt Communications, Inc.	Rice Belt Properties, Inc.	Eliminating Entries	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Consolidated
Operating Revenues						
Network access service						
Local network service						
Internet service						
Operating Expenses						
Operating Income (Loss)						
Other Income (Expense)						
Income from subsidiaries						
Other						
Net Income (Loss)						
Equity (Deficit), Beginning of Year						
Equity (Deficit), End of Year						

Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.
Consolidating Schedule – Statement of Cash Flows Information
Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc.	Rice Belt Telephone, Inc.	Rice Belt Communications, Inc.	Rice Belt Properties, Inc.	Eliminating Entries	Rice Belt Holdings, Inc. Consolidated
Operating Activities						
Net income (loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Items not requiring (providing) cash						
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for doubtful accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in:						
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid and other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investing Activities						
Additions to property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advances (repayment) of related party balances	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash, Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash, End of Year	-	-	-	-	-	-